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SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

TUBERS
PLANTS
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SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

"Its Not Home Until Its
Planted"

GENERAL INFORMATION

TERMS:—Cash with order please. Dahlia orders are delivered prepaid.

SHIPPING—Tubers at any time wanted. Plants April 15.

GUARANTEE—All stock to be true to name and from strong, healthy stock. All Tubers to show eyes.

ORDER EARLY—To avoid disappointment as stock of some of the most desirable varieties will not be sufficient. Please indicate a second choice.



DALHIA GREEN PLANTS

are rooted cuttings, taken from tubers which have been started early in the greenhouse. There has been a considerable discussion over the use of Green Plants, some favoring them, and some condemning their use.

We recommend their use very highly to anyone who will take care of them after they plant them. Like any other plant, they must be cultivated, watered and sprayed if insects bother. If you will do this, you will find that Green Plants will produce more and better flowers, and just as good tubers as if grown from tuber stock. They are less liable to carry disease, the clump of tubers are much easier to divide next Spring, and they cost just half as much, usually, as tubers of the same variety.

Dahlia Green Plants are ready for shipment after April First, and will bloom at about the same time as tubers which have been planted three weeks earlier.

Our prices quoted are for good, strong stock, true to name. Instruction and suggestions for growing are sent with the shipment.

Dahlia Tubers are ready for shipment after March First. Retail orders are sent prepaid at the prices quoted, providing the order amounts to \$2.00. On smaller orders add 25c to cover transportation.

DAHLIA COLLECTIONS

I am offering this season special collections made up of one tuber each of my most popular varieties. This gives an opportunity of securing a choice collection at a greatly reduced cost. These collections are carefully balanced as to color, and are made up of large dahlias only. There are twelve guaranteed tubers in each collection, all labelled, and of varieties that can be found in this catalogue. We prepay all postage.

These collections are
\$5.00, \$10.00, \$15.00 and \$25.00

DAHLIA SEED

We grow only the best Decorative and Hybrid Cactus Dahlias. In our own planting, the seed has averaged better than eighty per cent double flowers the past for years.

Seed by Name of Parent or Mixed

\$5.00 per hundred

\$40.00 per thousand

Packet of 20 seeds, \$1.00

Due to scarcity of Stock we are not introducing any new varieties of our origination this season.

1931 INTRODUCTION

J. D. TORBERT (Eastman). We have grown this fine, long stem decorative for two years and are glad to highly recommend it. While not overly large it is an artistic and beautiful flower. Color best described as peach pink. Keeps for three days when cut. Certificate of merit A.D.S., 1930.

Tuber, \$10.00; Plant, \$5.00

PREVIOUS INTRODUCTIONS

of our origination

EL REY (O & C) D. A very large flower of the Jersey Beacon type, and a heavy winner in 1929. Achievement Medal at Los Angeles and the best three year old at California Flower Festival. Strong grower with good insect resistant foliage carrying the bloom on heavy stems. A rich golden salmon shade which blends well with other flowers.

Tuber, \$7.50; Plant, \$3.75

LOS FELIZ. Here is a large, loose-petaled decorative. A seedling of Elite Glory. Tall grower, and a color that every one likes, rich, deep red, like the Hadley Rose, the center with a black sheen.

Tuber, \$5.00; Plant, \$2.50

JERSEY'S BEAUTY, (Decorative). W. H. Waite's wonderful pink introduction. Fine exhibition variety. Long, strong stems.....50c

KATHLEEN NORRIS (New Eastern Decorative). Color a true rose pink, later deepening to mallow pink, but paler in the young central petals. A bloom of gigantic proportions, petals broad and overlapping, with twisted ends, full, tight center, and held erect on straight, stiff stem above a sturdy plant with dark green foliage, which is insect proof. A great bloomer and an excellent keeper. A dahlia that stands right up on the stem to be seen and admired. A winner of first honors in all the large Eastern shows in 1928. A gold and silver medal winner.

Tuber, \$5.00; Plant, \$2.50

LADY LYNDORA (Lyndora Gardens) D. A free bloomer on a semi-dwarf bush. The color combination of pink and white is charming. Has been a consistent prize winner.

Tuber, \$2.00

GENERAL LIST

ADDA PATTERSON (Kemp) HC. A good white dahlia is a rare thing, and this variety is one of the best. Tall growing bearing unusually large blooms of pure white on stiff stems.

Tuber, \$1.00

ALTAMONT (Decorative). Its rose-pink color deepening to American Beauty rose at centre, has made this new decorative very popular. A tall-growing bush which blooms freely. The long, strong stems hold the large blooms erect.....\$1.00

AMBASSAOR (Hybrid). This is the largest and by far the best cactus dahlia ever introduced. In formation it resembles a huge sunburst. Its color is soft yellow, with salmon, amber and pink shadings, gradually deepening towards the tips of the petals, and are borne on extra long stiff stems. My stock is of the \$50.00 Prize Winning Strain. Full-flowered with perfect centers.....\$1.00

AMERICAN TRIUMPH (Nuneviller). Winner of The American Home Sweepstake medal at the New York Show, Madison Square Garden, 1920. It is seldom that a real incurved cactus seedling is obtained, especially in the East, but in this fine introduction Jersey may well be proud to add it to its long "Roll of Honor." Color is a clear, bright, rich red of intense beauty with no tendency to fade; form is English Cactus type, center high and full. Excellent grower, large blossoms are held rigid on long, straight stems. One of the best keeping dahlias at the New York Show.

Tuber, \$7.50; Plant, \$3.75

AZTEC GLORY (Broomall - Success) D. This flower is different in formation from most, and a rare lemon yellow shade held on long stems of great strength. It will capture the ribbons for you in stiff competition.

Tuber, \$3.00; Plant, \$1.50

DAYLO (Noneviller). In this formal type Decorative we have the brightest Autumn shades imaginable. Apricot orange and cadmium, mostly orange for the unopened petals. The bush is hardy and strong stems hold the large flowers facing to upright. Received A. D. S. Certificate of Merit at the Trial Gardens, Storrs, Connecticut.

Tuber, \$7.50; Plant, \$3.75

EAGLE ROCK BEAUTY (Bromall-Success) D. A beautiful creation of pink and cream which has been very popular for the last season. Full centered on strong stems and a prolific bloomer.

Tuber, \$2.00; Plant, \$1.00

ELIZA LONDON SHEPARD, D., (Peacock). All other autumn shade dahlias look dead when compared with this beauty. It is a bright orange apricot, with golden shadings, beautiful in the garden and spectacular under artificial light. A fine grower and free bloomer, long stiff stems, large well formed flowers.

Plants only, \$5.00

EVA L. QUADLING, D. A 1929 introduction which has made good. Spectrum shading to ox-red at center, very large blossoms with good depth, long stems, tall grower.

Tuber, \$3.00; Plant, \$1.50

MINNIE EASTMAN (Eastern Hybrid Cactus). An introduction of Major Eastman's which we grew last season and greatly admired as did the many visitors to our display garden. Large blooms on the best of stems, free bloomer, of such a brilliant color it immediately attracts the eye. Petals bright flame with undershavings of deep yellow are rolled and incurved, forming a Hybrid Cactus of perfect form.

Tuber, \$4.00; Plant, \$2.00

MISS LONGVIEW (Novelty of M. G. Tyler's.) A magnificent dahlia of immense size, that is a great improvement over Marmion. The huge blooms are perfectly formed, of a most attractive shade of gold, shading to amber, and are held absolutely erect on very fine stems. Miss Longview will undoubtedly be a very popular variety, as it has every good point, and grows easily. Miss Tyler is to be congratulated for introducing such a fine dahlia. In Seattle, Miss Longview took the First Prize as the best dahlia of Oregon origin, and as the largest dahlia in the show. She is fully as large as Marmion, and more beautiful.

Tuber, \$7.50; Plant, \$3.75

MRS. ALFRED B. SEAL, DEC. (Seal). Described by the iriginator, as follows: "Undoubtedly the largest and finest pure, rich, glowing, old rose Dahlia ever produced—nothing we have ever seen can even remotely approach it. Such an unusual coloring—the softest, richest shade of pure, glowing, old rose imaginable. The flowers are huge, measuring with Siskiyon, and of great depth and substance, and held proudly erect above a tall, strong bush. It won at Palace Hotel, the Garden and Home Builder Achievement Medal for Best New Dahlia, originated west of the Rocky Mountains. New for 1929 and the outstanding Western Dahlia of the year."

Tuber, \$10.00; Plant, \$5.00

MRS. I. DE VER WARNER (Decorative) An immense flower on a long, strong stem. A refined, lovely color of deep mauve pink, beautifully formed, and all in all a truly wonderful variety.....50c

PEPPER'S DELIGHT (Decorative). A true pink for cutting. Fine stem and an easy grower which is very popular in the cut flower markets.

Tuber, \$1.00

THE WORLD, DEC. (Maytrott). Selected at American Dahlia Show by Mr. J. D. Sullivan of the N. Y. World, as best red. Rich, deep rosy magenta, overlaid garnet with silver shadings on edge of petals. Ten inch blooms and 5 inches deep. Robust, leathery foliage. Much better in 1929 than 1928.

Tuber, \$5.00; Plant, \$2.50

SISKIYOU (Broomall) HC. A "different" dahlia of lavender pink, extremely large in diameter. Stems are good. Usually a winner in the class for "largest blooms."

Tuber, \$1.00

TREASURE ISLAND (New Eastern Decorative). One of the brightest autumn shade dahlias we have seen. Color, bright apricot with gold, and rose suffusion and shadings. Bush growth is strong, branches readily from the ground, giving 5-foot stems. Flowers are held erect with full centers throughout the season. A dahlia that will score high both early and late in the season.

Plants only, \$2.50

FLAMING METEOR, DEC. (Barker). A fine California Decorative, a winner of many prizes in the West. A large, flaming red on perfect stems and a very prolific bloomer, valuable as a cut flower.

Tuber, \$1.00

FORT MONMOUTH (Kemp) HC. This mammoth flower with high coloring has been one of the leading exhibition varieties in the Eastern shows this season, capturing many prizes, such as "Largest Flower in the Show" and "Best Flower." A rich claret in color with brightness unusual in the darker tones. Flowers frequently 13 inches diameter, and a winner in several shows as "largest flower."

Tuber, \$4.00; Plant, \$2.00

GOLD IMPERIAL (D). A very deep and perfect formed flower with high, well furnished center. Plant vigorous, low growing, with blooms carried well above the foliage on good stems. Color rich brilliant gold with just a tint of lavender on reverse. Not extremely large but of good exhibition size and should be popular for show and home decoration on account of its charming form and color. Won Gold Medal at 1929 Camden Dahlia Society as the best undisseminated seedling in a very strong class.

Tuber, \$7.50; Plant, \$3.75

JANE COWL (Decorative). A massive, deep decorative with petals curled and twisted. Color a glistening bronzy buff and gold blending to a deeper shade toward centre of flower, as a whole, a warm glow. A stem of unusual strength holds this giant decorative erect over a plant of ideal growth **\$2.00**

THOMAS A. EDISON (Decorative). A 1930 Dahliadel introduction. This gorgeous new royal purple exhibition decorative was selected and named by permission of the electrical wizard. The staghorn petal formation, the dark green insect-resistant foliage, the cane-stiff stems, and its thrifty growing habits leave nothing to be desired.

Tuber, \$10.00; Plant, \$5.00

KEMP'S VIOLET WONDER, DEC. (Kemp). Bright royal purple, an unique shade and absolutely new. An impressive flower very large and deep on fine stems. Better than ever in 1929. A new shade and great winner. Don't overlook it at my price.

Tuber, \$4.00; Plant, \$2.00

